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Our Ref: FOI2019/01379

Dear Requestor

**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/01379**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 27th February. I note you seek access to the following information:

**The number of reports of the “offence of having article with blade or point on school premises” where the suspect was under 18.**

**Please provide figures for the following academic years (1 September to 31 July), broken down by age of suspect and local authority area.**

- 2012/13
- 2013/14
- 2014/15
- 2015/16
- 2016/17
- 2017/18

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

**RESPONSE** - Following enquiries within the Force please see our response in the tables below: -

Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises Suspect Under 18 1st Sept 2012 - 31st July 2018						
Suspect Age	1st Sept - 31st July 2012/13	1st Sept - 31st July 2014/15	1st Sept - 31st July 2015/16	1st Sept - 31st July 2016/17	1st Sept - 31st July 2017/18	Grand Total
9			1		1	2
10				1		1
11			1		1	2
12				1	1	2
13	2	2	1	1	3	9
14		2	2	2	3	9
15	1	2	5	2	1	11
16				2		2
17		1				1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>39</b>

Having An Article With A Blade Or Point On School Premises Suspect Under 18 1st Sept 2012 - 31st July 2018						
Area	1st Sept - 31st July 2012/13	1st Sept - 31st July 2014/15	1st Sept - 31st July 2015/16	1st Sept - 31st July 2016/17	1st Sept - 31st July 2017/18	Grand Total
BEDFORD			1			1
DUNSTABLE	2	1	1		1	5
HOUGHTON REGIS			1	2		3
KEMPSTON			2			2
LEIGHTON BUZZARD		1	2	1	3	7
LUTON	1	4	2	6	3	16
SHARNBROOK					1	1
STOTFOLD			1			1
WOOTTON		1				1
SANDY					2	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>39</b>

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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